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OF THE STATE BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF  
THE CERTIFICATION OF

DELORES BENDER-MELILLO  
CERTIFICATION # 37CA00038500

TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
COUNSELING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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: CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY  
: SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION  
: TO PRACTICE ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
: COUNSELING  
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This matter was opened before the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Committee"), upon receipt of a letter from Ms. Bender-Melillo stating that she is not engaging in psychotherapeutic treatment. Pursuant to a Consent Order filed on January 20, 2006 respondent is required to remain in psychotherapy unless and until the Committee issues a subsequent written order.

Respondent at this time has agreed to the voluntary suspension of her certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the terms of this Consent Order. The Committee finds the terms of this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest and respondent, without

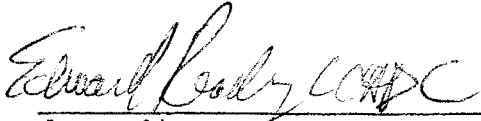
any admissions, and desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2007  
ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Ms. Bender-Melillo shall be immediately suspended from the practice alcohol and drug counseling in the State of New Jersey and shall cease and desist from such practice until further order of the Committee. Respondent shall deliver her 2006-2008 biennial renewal certificate (expiration date August 31, 2008), her original wall certificate, certification and wallet size credential, forthwith to Ms. Elaine DeMars, Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, P.O. 45040, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101 within five (5) days of the filing of this Consent Order.

2. Ms. Bender-Melillo shall not engage in any alcohol and drug counseling practice, including uncompensated or volunteer unless and until the Committee issues a subsequent Order permitting her to engage in the practice of alcohol and drug counseling.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE  
OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

  
Edward Reading, LCADC  
Committee Chair

I have read the above order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee  
of the State Board of Family Therapy  
Examiners to enter this Order.

*Delores Bender-Melillo*  
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